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# News Release

## **ICE FUGITIVE TEAM ARRESTS 5 ILLEGAL ALIENS IN SAVANNAH**

SAVANNAH, GA.—A 40-year-old man convicted of spousal battery was one of five fugitive aliens arrested here last week by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers assigned to Atlanta's Fugitive Operations Task Force.

Marvin Daly-Valladares, 40, a citizen of Honduras was also convicted of simple assault and failure to identify himself to a police officer. Valladares was found ineligible for any form of immigration relief and ordered removed on September 9, 1990. He chose to ignore the judges's order and had been in hiding since then.

"We have no tolerance for criminals who terrorize our communities," said John A. Mata, field office director for detention and removal in Atlanta. "We will continue conducting these targeted enforcement actions for as long as it takes in order to keep our community safe."

Those arrested are from the following countries: India, China and Honduras. All are being detained in the Atlanta Pre-Trial Corrections Center awaiting removal from the United States.

ICE's Atlanta office is home to one of 18 absconder teams nationwide tasked with locating and apprehending aliens who attempt to hide in the United States despite the lawful orders of immigration judges who have ordered the aliens to leave the country.

In Atlanta, ICE has arrested more than 500 criminal aliens since the beginning of Fiscal Year 05. ICE removed over 3,392 illegal aliens from the Atlanta area in Fiscal Year 04; 2,105 were criminal aliens.

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